Claim 1. A computer network system used to informed concerned entities that a person has died, said computer network system comprising:

a hospital notification center which transmits a death notice to a funeral home informing the funeral home of the death of an individual;

a funeral home to receive the death notice from the hospital notification center,

said funeral home being linked by a computer network to concerned entities;

concerned entities linked to said computer network to the funeral home.

said concerned entities including an insurance company having a policy on the individual who has died and the Social Security Administration.

Claim 2. The computer network system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said concerned entities linked to the computer network and the funeral home also include a government entity charged with maintaining vital statistics within a community including deaths.

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Claim 3. The computer network system as claimed in claim 2, wherein said hospital notification center is linked to said funeral home by a digital transmitting medium and hardware capable of transmitting a digital signal from the hospital notification center which can be received by the funeral home.

Claim 4. The computer network system as claimed in claim 3, also including a pension plan administration office linked to said funeral home through the computer network to receive and transmit digital signals.

Claim 5. A method to transmit death notices to concerned entities comprising the steps of:

- a. providing a death notice from a patient care facility to a funeral home;
- b. the funeral home transmitting the death notice to concerned entities linked to the funeral home including any insurance companies and the Social Security Administration; and
- c. said concerned entities that receive said death notice from the funeral home retaining data transmitted and acting on said data to

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provide any compensation due to beneficiaries of the person covered by the death notice.